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Bennetts Creek, Suffolk, Virginia

Authority: Section 107 River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended.

Background

The Bennetts Creek navigation project consists of a navigation channel 6 feet deep and 60 feet wide from deep water in the Nansemond River into Bennetts Creek and extending upstream to the boat ramp at Bennetts Creek Park.

The problem at Bennetts Creek was the lack of adequate water depth. The channel into the creek had shoaled to the point that navigation was generally restricted to high tide by the shallow depths between the mouth of the creek and deep water in the Nansemond River.

Work began on May 20th and ended on May 31st and involved dredging over 61,999 cubic yards of material at an estimated total cost of \$553,000.00. The dredged material was placed on a privately owned site within the Harbor View development acquired by the City of Suffolk for a one-time placement.

The Corps's contractor, WESCAR Corporation of Suffolk, dredged approximately 3,4000 feet of the project from deep water in the Nansemond River to deep water within the Creek's mouth.

The remainder of the project from the mouth of the creek upstream to the ramp at Bennetts Creek Park does not require dredging at this time.

The project provides safe and efficient movement of commercial and recreational boaters based primarily at the marina and the yacht-building plant.